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WHOEVER has attended to PUBLIC TRANSACTIONS since CHRISTMAS 1760, will quickly find sufficient reasons, not only to justify, but also to make, this work absolutely necessary; which is all the preface the author thinks fit to make. The Title expresses his intention.

The Revenue amounted,

In 1757, to £. 533864 net.

In 1758, to 571199.

In 1759, to 580130.

In 1760, to 586382.

In 1761, to 689880.

Difference between 57 & 58, ^{£.} 37335

Difference between 57 & 59, 46266

Difference between 57 & 60, 52518

Difference between 57 & 61, 156016

Total of the Increase in	}	£. 292135
that time, over and		
above the expence of		
Management, Draw-		
backs, &c.	}	

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The Account for 1761, is taken from the weekly Abstracts returned by the Collectors ; they not having yet passed their Accounts. The Abstracts and stated Accounts will vary somewhat ; but probably very little. The variation last year was but of a sum of £. 2392, in favour of the Revenue.

The Revenue was,

£.

In 1752, the Sum of 624422

In 1753, the Sum of 680377

In 1754, the Sum of 621898

These were the great and miraculous Years, that caused such an *overflow* in the Treasury, as turned some Mens Heads in 1755 ; which have not been set right since. But

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they were Years of *profound Peace*. The last was the sixth Year of a most extensive, raging War, with the ancient and irreconcilable Foe of *Britain*, for Trade, Liberty and Religion ; and yet, the Revenue of that Year surpassed that of any other, in the most peaceable time.

Whence this sudden, happy Change ? From downright CARE : which, FINE GENTLEMEN, unpractised in Business, ignorant of the SPIRIT OF LAW, imposed upon by Men of sinister Views, and taught to speak like *Parrots*, nickname, RIGOUR.

Behold this CARE most illustrious in the PORT of CORK ; whence hath proceeded more Clamour, than from all the Kingdom beside.

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The Revenue of Cork Port was

In 1753, the Sum of £. 90821

In 1754, the Sum of 77070

In 1755, the Sum of 65191

In 1756, the Sum of 62824

In 1757, the Sum of 70144

In 1758, the Sum of 69236

In 1759, the Sum of 77384

In 1760, the Sum of 80851

In 1761, the Sum of 97500

N. B. In the year 1757, there was not one Entry of TEA in the Port of Cork : and in three Years immediately preceding, and in three immediately following, there were but 33131 Pounds, in all, entered in that Port.

Whoever

Whoever will observe the falling of the Revenue at *Cork*, from 1753 to 1759, when it again began to gather Strength, will not be astonished at the OUTCRY that arose there in the latter Year; but grew *hideous* in 1760, especially after the *King's Death*, which was a forerunner of a new *Election for Parliament*; and which did not thoroughly subside, till some People quarreled amongst themselves; by which many had an opportunity, to see and hear *abroad*; to judge for themselves; to be convinced of the Delusion they were held under; and to cast off the thraldom of *four or five of the dictatorial Order*, who had inveigled the Crowd to follow them, and then directed them arbitrarily,

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No Individual ought to assume to himself the Merit of this great and beneficial Reformation in the Revenue. Every Man, *equal in Commission*, is intitled to a share thereof, if he doth not DISCLAIM it.

And great Merit there undoubtedly is in it, let malicious SMUGGLERS and envious BRAWLERS say what they will.

Yet, not quite so great, as the MANAGERS may flatter themselves: for good Judges say, and insist, that the Revenue should be £. 800,000 *per Ann.* net, even in War time; which would be but £. 110120 more than it produced last year. A frightful Idea for UNDERTAKERS; who hate all Improvers of the Revenue,
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because an Increase of the Revenue renders them of less value ; who are the first to create Wants, that they may have the merit of contriving Methods of supplying them ; who distress every Administration, to make every Administration submit to their arbitrary and selfish Terms ; who are the VERMIN of a State, generated, nurtured and matured in the Course of a LONG PARLIAMENT ; and therefore deadly Enemies to SHORT ONES.

Whoever considers what has been done, maugre all the Discouragements, Difficulties and Embarrassments, that have been laid in the way of the GOVERNORS of the REVENUE ; and will believe there is, at least,

least, a Deficiency of £. 40,000 *per Annum*, in the Article of TEA; that a farther Amendment is necessary in *Cork*, and many of the *Out-ports*; and that the Inland Excise is not half collected, as he may gather from the ensuing State of a Case; will not doubt the truth of the Assertion, that the Revenue may, and ought to be raised, to £. 800,000 *per Annum*, clear of all Charges of Management, &c.

In 1684, the Hereditary Inland Excise amounted to £. 77766 : Ale Licences, to £. 9601. Yet the Hearth-Money was but a Sum of £. 31646. In 1757, the same Inland Excise was but a Sum of £. 67622; Ale Licences £. 7975 : When the Hearth-Money was grown to £. 52859, and the
Kingdom

Kingdom was, at least, six Times as wealthy, as in 1684. In the Year 1760, when the Hearth-Money was advanced but to £. 55027, the same Inland Excise grew to £. 86504, and Ale Licences to £. 9703. This happening but in the Dawn of a Reformation, and it being in every Body's observation, that great Frauds are yet committed in that Branch of the Revenue, it must be admitted as probable, that much greater Improvement will be made therein. The Increase of the last Year cannot be mentioned with any certainty, the Inland Excise not being yet wholly separated from the other Branches of the Revenue : But, by what is seen, it goes on well ; and by what is communicated from all Parts, it promises yet a most surprising Increase.

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The Resolution and Sense of those, who have hitherto borne up against *licentious Tongues* and *infamous Libels*, with the cheering Applause of all good Men, will surely confirm them in a faithful Discharge of their Trust, to the joint Satisfaction of *Great-Britain* and *Ireland*; which are more closely connected in this Cause, than unthinking Men can believe.

But this will be hereafter thoroughly cleared up, in a larger Work, calculated for *another Meridian*: wherein will be considered *the antient and present State of this Country*; with *the reciprocal Duties of Great-Britain and Ireland to each other*.

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